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Increasing stress on disaster risk finance due to large floods

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 What is the chance that damaging floods happen in different countries at the same time?

 What is the current probability of extreme total losses and how will this change?

 How can we finance and reduce these risks, taking into account solidarity, equity and acceptability?





Incorporating correlated risks



Flood risk across countries is correlated due to atmospheric patterns and river systems



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enhance



Jongman et al., Nature Climate Change, 2014

Probabilistic trends in European flood risk enhance



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Options for risk sharing and reduction





Physical flood protection

Insurance and compensation



It only takes 2 inches of water to put you knee-deep in debt.

Reducing and financing losses



Or more European solidarity?









Solidarity is relevant at all spatial scales









Incentives are key









Managing increasing risks



- Adaptation options have different efficiency, equity and acceptability implications
- Emphasis should be placed on **incentivizing risk reduction**
- Physical protection measures, insurance schemes and public solidarity funding are **complementary measures** and should be optimized in harmony
- Risk correlations should be taken into account in international risk reduction and risk financing initiatives



GLOFRIS

Global Flood Risk Assessment Tool: current & future risk at 1 km resolution

Developed by: IVM-VU University Amsterdam, Deltares, Utrecht University & Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL)

Flood risk and intervention analyzer







Estimated annualized flood damage





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Thank you for your attention

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Further reading:

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Trends in European flood risk



- Increase in expected losses, especially for extremes
 2/3 due to socioeconomic growth, 1/3 due to climate change
- Strong rise of 1/200 insured loss (Solvency II capital requirement) from ~€ 116 billion in 2013 to ~€ 236 billion by 2050
- EU Solidarity Fund budget increasingly prone to depletion regional differences in risk may lead to subsidizing effects

	Country	Estimate from literature	Source	Estimates from model	
Location				Exact location	Range in vicinity
Styria region	Austria	~100	46	51 - 162	
Kopenhagen	Denmark	>120	48	151	30 - 170
Carlisle	England	100 - 200	49	158	127 - 158
London	England	75 - 1000	48	500	230 - 500
Thames river - other	England	0 - 100	50	153 - 233	
Hamburg	Germany	~650	48	154	127 - 154
Köln	Germany	200	51	151	149 - 158
Central Danube	Hungary/ Romania/ Bulgaria	'Low' - 100; higher in cities	46	25 -	190
Dublin	Ireland	~70	48	150	50 - 150
Cremona	Italy	200	52	155	152 - 185
Naples	Italy	20 - 50	48	28	28 - 128
Meuse river	Netherlands	250 - 1,250	47	1,000*	1,000*
Glasgow	Scotland	<150	48	107	52 - 150

Supplementary Table 2 | Validation of estimated flood protection standards







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Annual losses — With current climate — With climate change **Correlations** might change with seasons, and could be influenced by climate

change



-100% +/-0% +100% +200% +300%